

Dear Parents,

Stockport Council is able to provide the following update on the Heaton Chapel Active Neighbourhood Trial.

The council is now more than half way through the trial, with most of the measures planned to be removed after December 3rd. A period of consultation will then take place in the New Year where the council will ask local residents to feedback on the trial.

The table tennis table from the pocket park has now been moved to Houldsworth Park, with the hope that many residents in the area will continue to use it.

The council understands that pick up and drop off is a busy time around the school, however we would like to remind parents that parking in front of other people's driveways is not appropriate as they may need to leave at a similar time. If you do need to drive your children to school, please park responsibly to ensure the safety of everyone.

If possible, please consider parking on nearby streets and walking to the school gates if there is limited availability outside of the school.

Walking, riding and scooting to school has several benefits for children. It can improve physical and mental wellbeing, with evidence showing that the walk to school has a positive and independent impact on children's physical activity, health, and fitness. Data shows that 80% of Boys and 72% of girls at school are physically inactive, so even a short walk to school can contribute towards physical activity targets for both children and adults.

Reducing traffic from outside the school gates also has a positive effect on a school's air quality levels, whilst walking to school will improve air quality for a much wider area. Pollution is harmful to all of our health, and contributes to 40,000 early deaths in the UK every year.

Reducing the numbers of cars on the school run can help everybody get to their destination faster, and make streets safer, less polluted, and more enjoyable (Living streets 2018). For more information visit the Living Street website.

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/about-us/our-organisation>.

Many thanks

Stockport Council